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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 25 of the First Extraordinary Session  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Kathleen Durrett Hale  
upon being selected as White House Citizen of  
the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay  
tribute to those exemplary individuals who, through their special endeavors, are credits to their  
respective families and communities and to this state; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding person is Kathleen Durrett Hale, who has been  
appropriately named White House Citizen of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hale was selected in recognition of her many contributions to the  
White House community; and

WHEREAS, born on March 3, 1904, she was married for many years to John Thomas  
"Polly" Hale; and

WHEREAS, she graduated from White House High School in 1925, as a member of a  
class which consisted of 4 girls, all of whom subsequently entered the teaching profession;  
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WHEREAS, fulfilling her lifelong dream of molding young minds, Kathleen began her meritorious teaching career at Shady Mound School, where she taught all 8 grades; and

WHEREAS, during the Depression, Kathleen taught in the school system of White House, which is located in both Robertson and Sumner counties; because tax revenues were so scarce, her salary was directly applied toward the property taxes on her farm; and

WHEREAS, following 40 years of devoted service to the children of White House, she retired from teaching in 1969; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hale remains extremely active in her community as evidenced by her honorary lifetime membership on the Chamber of Commerce and her membership in Kiwanis; and

WHEREAS, she also is a devout member of the White House Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hale is a tremendous asset to her community, and to this state and nation, and she exemplifies the volunteer spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it fitting to pause in its deliberations to honor and commend Mrs. Hale for her stalwart dedication to the public good; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Mrs. Kathleen Durrett Hale for her meritorious service to the state of Tennessee, congratulate her on being named White House Citizen of the Year, and wish her every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.